BASEBALL'S BIGGEST TANGLE IS PUT UP TO JUDGE LANDIS

MUDDLE OVER DRAFT RULE THREATENS GAME'S FUTURE

Big Leagues Now Forced to Pay Exorbitant Prices for Stars, Such as O'Connell, Who Would Ordinarily Only Bring \$7,500. at Most, and They Are Anxious to Have Draft Rule Restored, Which Little Fellows Are Unwilling to Have Done.

By Bozeman Bulger.

The minor league baseball clubs, despite their bush league status, are here with an ace in the hole—the bull ace of the pack—and it's screwed down tight to the table. Unless the majors succeed in talking them out of this hole card next week baseball's going to be in a muddle.

The stage is set. New York is the battle ground. Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis is the main orator. Other good bouts will be offered on the week's card, but this one goes to a finish.

The Judge is too smart a judge of cards to tell these minor league slickers that their ace is no good. He is trying to figure out a misdeal and a new shuffle; that something went wrong with the cards.

The ace in question is that innocent looking agreement a year or so ago that knocked out the draft rule and prevents the big leagues from making raids on their little brothers and gobbling up players here and there, whether or no. It's a serious situation, and the boys are foregathering to see if something can't be done about it.

YANKEES MAY SECURE

CENTREFIELDER VEACH

Manager Miller Huggins of the

Yankees is back in the gity from

Buffalo, where he has been attend-

ing the meetings of the minor

leagues and finishing several deals

that the Yankees figured in last season. The little manager had very little to say that would be of interest to fans at present, but he

expects to land a new pitcher and outfielder when the baseball meet-

ings are held next week. Don't

be surprised if the Yankees ac-

quire both Bob Veach, outfielder,

and Edward Ehmke, pitcher, from the Tigers, and give in return

Johnny Mitchell, the shortstop, a young pitcher or outfielder and most of the \$40,000 which Frank Navin gave to Portland of the Pacific Coast League the other day for Pitchers Johnson and Pillette.

When Heinie Groh comes he will be placed at third base and Frisch

will be moved over to second, his

By the way, it is not generally

his voice for this meeting.

league material, and there will be plenty of minor league owners present

TESTIMONIAL HERE NETTED

MATHEWSON \$54,573.64

AND PITCHER EMHKE

So long as the present agreement stands on the baseball books the bushers can sell their stars when and to whom they like. What's worse they can refuse to sell them at all if they take a notion. And there's the fly in the cintment. These minors are sitting in the golden seat because the majors can't move an ch to save their skins without bush league approval and consent.

To talk the boys out of that ad-

To talk the boys out of that advantage would be a task for Dumo Dan Mosgan, but the big leaguers will be in there trying from Monday morning till Saturday night. To fail means that the bushers can either collect large wads of money or cripple the big leagues down to their class. Majors who can't pay the price will never be able to pick up new players to replace their tottering old replace their tottering old

stars.

To give a case in point: The Giants paid \$75,000 for O'Connell this week. This was the direct result of open bidding. But for the ace in the hole now held by the minors, O'Connell could have been drafted for \$7,500. provided the San Francisco club had not put through a sale before the drafting period started. Under no circumstances could the Seals have held O'Connell for later delivery. If they didn't sell him before the draft they would have to give him up to the lucky club that drew his name out of the hat.

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in other words the majors have got to pay, and pay big, or have their clubs deteriorate in quality to nothing more than bush league baseball. Na-turally they don't like it; also na-turally, the minors do.

Little Chance for Minors To Advance Now.

But there is another side to the question, the one on which Judge Landla hopes to get action. While it is a great thing for minor league clubs to be able to hold players so as ot to weaken their teams the present agreement smothers the chances of a player to advance in his profession and in that way hurts baseball. He can be held in the bushes for life unless some major league club pays a fortune for his release. is not exactly fair.

For instance: A minor league star getting \$4,000 a year can be made to play forever at that salary, if the play forever at that salary, if the owners insist on keeping him, regardof what he might be worth to

limself and a major league team.
Judge Landis, seeing the whole
structure of baseball endangered, instructure of baseball endangered, insists that the majors and minors
should get together and work out
some equitable plan that would make
such conditions impossible. That is
the main object of the minor-major
joint meeting in New York next week.
It really is a serious matter.
The minor league association has

The minor league association has shown a willingness to talk—or to listen—and W. H. McCarthy of the Pacific Coast League, J. C. Tools of the International League, T. J. Hickey of the American Association and Secretary Farrell of the Minor League Association, holding the ace as a starter, have been sent here to the same time and talks a hand.

as a starter, have been sent here to sit in and take a hand.

There will be other doings besides may turn loose their hole card, but if they do the operation will be accompanied by a loud and prolonged squawk.

There will be other doings besides this minor-major debate. New York is to be treated to a whole week of inseball gabble—maybe some quarrels and trades.

International Meeting

Is the First on Card.

now to get things going under a full everything set. head of steam. Mighty few of them break over the traces and tell their TESTIMONIAL Plain business has been shoved to the foreground to a degree is annoying. il we are going to have the Na-

MANY BASEBALL MEETINGS HERE NEXT WEEK -:- By Thornton Fisher WELKER COCHRAN

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\$100,000 as Bait to Lead Wilson Into Match To-Day For Middleweight Title

Groh, leaving a big gap in the out-field. Undoubtedly McGraw has something up his sleeve. No team could drop a star like Burns for a whole season and not feel it. \$37,500 Old Purse, \$40,000 and Additional \$25,000 May Bring About Fight With Greb

By Vincent Treanor.

7ITH bait of something approaching \$100,000 dangling known, but McGraw made a strong effort to make the deal so that Jimmy O'Connell could report next spring. Dr. Strub, owner of the Frisco club, refused to agree to that unless the Giants paid a cool \$100,000. He figured that O'Connell would be worth \$25,000. before his eyes to-day, Johnny Wilson, Middleweight Champion, u likely to sign articles before night for a titular match with Harry Grib of Pittsburgh.

that O'Connell would be worth \$25,000 to his club next season and fixed a price of \$75,000 for him to report next Tex Rickard has promised to straighten out the little difference of fall for use in 1923.

That kind of money seems funny, doesn't it, when we recall how all the New York papers printed a photograph of the check and made a lot of fuss when the Glants paid \$10,000 for Cv Seymour fourteen years are? \$37,500 between him and Wilson, the money held up from the latter's unsatisfactory pattle with Bryan Donnelly in Jersey City last Labor Day, of fuss when the Granes pars ago? for Cy Seymour fourteen years ago? Gee, how we were all impressed when that conand in addition make the champion an offer of \$40,000 to tackle Greb in a championship match at the Garden in

Greb, it is understood, is willing to The St. Louis club comes to the gathering all steamed up with the make the match additionally attracprospect of making a trade or two and winning the National League "real" money, probably \$25,000 just to sign articles. Grab fools the "real" money, probably \$25,000 just people believe they will. Branch Rickey hoped do it with O'Connell or Heinie Groh, but the price left him speechless. He has barely regained to sign articles. Greb feels that he will surely beat Wilson and thus an-nex the championship. At any rate, the and Manager George Engle are nex the championship. At any rate, willing to gamble on the proposition, feeling that they will get theirs later as a championshp combination.

Rickard has been angling for this match for some time out with little success. He has made many engage ments with both Wilson and his manager, Marty Killelea of Boston, only to be "stood up" at each appointed hour. Killelea has been firm in his stand that he wouldn't do any business with Rickard until the profirst settled the \$37,500 account. Af-

sort of a curtain raiser to pick out the right bar and get the boys all their ammunition on the American any agreement with the \$37,500, money the right bar and get the boys all their ammunition on the American their ammunition on the American their ammunition on the American their ammunition of the same and their same and their ammunition of the same and their sa want another outfielder and a pitcher of other things," has been the slogan of the Wilson part f.

The minor-major affair is the main makes some unexpected magnate takes a portable at the old dove of peace. It seems a cinch that the Barselall has reached the novel stage where the milnors can get along beautifully without the aid of the majors, without the minors.

It will go right along.

Late last night Wilson went to make the last night Wilson went to make the middlewight of Brookin. In Madison Square Garden to see the bicycle race. He tried to dodge this good go, Matchmaker Silvey Burns will stage a semi-tinal and three other bouts become recatest pitchers of all time and in the bicycle race. He tried to dodge this problem. In Madison Square Garden to see the bicycle race. He tried to dodge this problem. In Madison Square Garden to see the bicycle race. He tried to dodge this problem. In Madison Square Garden to see the bicycle race. He tried to dodge this problem. In Madison Square Garden to see the bicycle race. He tried to dodge this problem. In Madison Square Garden to see the bicycle race. He tried to dodge this problem. In Madison Square Garden to see the bicycle race. He tried to dodge this problem. In Madison Square Garden to see the bicycle race. He tried to dodge this problem. The promoter sat down and talked with the spice.

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Yale stood out in the national fall cratch squash tennis tournament by Cordier and Thomas Coward in the emi-final round yesterday on the

court of the Crescent Athletic Club, Brooklyn. Cordier defeated Charles M. Bull jr., at 15-8, 15-1, 13-9, while Coward beat Anderson Dana, the Harvard star, at 15-10, 11-15, 15-10, 15-12.

holder, was in top form. His shots for the front wall, even under the ottest fire, were always true to the mark. In the other hand, Bull piled up a total of 14 shots into the tellup a total of 14 shots into the telltale. He also missed completely on
four of his strokes, while Cordier
was never guilty of failing to get to
the ball. Cordier's best playing was
revealed in his placing game, and
his shots for winning aces tallied a
total of 17 to 11 for Bull.

Coward crent d some surprise by his
victory over Dana. The Harvard man
has been so uniformly good this season that there was the general belief
that he was deatined to come through.
Coward surpassed Dana on hard hitting. Furthermore, in the rallies the
Harvard star piled up a total of 20
shots into the telltale against 13 for
Coward.

Toward the finish of the match it was
the steadiness of the Yale man that
stood to the fore. Lillewise he made
excellent use of his service. This depariment of his game was always good
as he tallied a total of four service aces
for the match.

Prove Stars of Squash Tourney

Yale Players

Cordier, the former national title

Fistic News POLLOCK and Gossip

Champion Benny Leonard will be a | fight again until he meets Champion Benny Leon very busy fighter for the next few and in a contest. He has notified his manager.

Dan Morgan, not to accept any bouts for him unless it will be with Leonard. It looks as if the has him signed up for two important me will clean in a twelve round bout at the big fights. His first will be with Joc Armory at Newark N. J. on either Jan. 9 or Welling for fifteen rounds at Dominick Tortorich's club at New Orleans | Jack Hausner, the hard hitting east side hantam Dec. 16, while his second go will be seeks a return match with Marty Collins. with Pinky Mitchell of Milwaukee fall at the Siar. S. C. Hausner got the decision for ten rounds at the Auditorium in the first contest and Collins received the verdict Milwaukee on Jan. 2. Benny will get in the second bout. a guarantee of \$15,000 with an option over in Philadelphia to-night Irish Johnny Cur of accepting 45 per cent, of the gross tain of Jersey City will take on Joe Neison, the

PRINCETON TO NAME

ITS NEW RINK AFTER

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 10.— The name of Hobart A. H. Baker, of the class of 1914, one of Princeton's most famous figures on the football field and ice, who was killed in France in 1918, har been chosen for the new inclosed artificial ice rink, the gift of an anonymous donor and which is now under construction. When

now under construction. When completed the rink will be the only one of its kind in the coun-

only one of its kind in the country to be owned by a university and used for intercollegiate sport. It will have a skating surface of 200 by 85 fest. The great "Hobey," who served on the football field as Captain and half-back of the Tiger sleven, was largely responsible for putting the game of hockey on its presen, high plane, and is universally regarded as the greatest player Princeton ever turned out in that sport.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 10 .-

FAMOUS HOBEY BAKER

receipts for the Mitchell bout.

By signing up Gene Tunney and Eddie O'Hare for a ten-round bout at the Garden on Dec. 23.

Tex Rickard has surely secured a contest that will help materially in packing the big inclosure to the

Connie Mack's boys will train in the same place next year and hances are good they will trail in the same place too. Giants' line-up now looks like the All-American baseball team for 1922.

Six Day Bikers Near Finish With Yankee Team Leading

Looks like the Yanks will have to try winning games with base

East is East and West is West,

And there the golfers stay.

But South is South all winter long.

Golf is now an all year round sport if you don't happen to have a busi-

Looks like the Yanks will have to start the season with Miller, Rupper

Only an Accident Can Beat Madden and McNamara in

butt into baseball as a reprisal.

the first six weeks next season.

ess that needs your attention.

and Huston in the outfield.

THE Australian-American team of McNamara and Madden in-These Six Day Race sprints to-day and Bello and Gaffrey 2253 5 delias now lom up as certain winners, prodecision rerdict viding they can hold their advantage viding they can hold their advantage viding they can be to be in the last desperate hour of continuous sprinting that winds up the

Up until a late hour to-day, Mc-Curtain Namara and Madden displayed no signs of "cracking" under the severe match with any one.

He didn't propose to be wiggled into any agreement with the \$37,500, money he declares due him without any string attachments, as an inducement. "Pay the \$37,500 first and then we will table at the Books and the Research and R

team, look like the only rivals Mc- with the tired youngsters. Club has completed his matches for the other events that will procede the Johnny Relaier and are trailing the American-Australia ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

will get it eventually, but up to last will meet halian Jack Demper in the star bent of inviter rounds, while Young Stewart meets Jay anything further to do with Rickard.

Lanks of States Island in the seod-final of leviler rounds.

Tallian Joe Gans of Brooklyn and Pall Broom are wilting under the last out the stern fighter of Brooklyn will meet in the main go of tweive rounds at the Broakway Einlist to beat Goullet and Brocco out for lanks of States Island in the seod-final of Brooklyn and Pall Broom are wilting under the last will meet in the star bent main go of tweive rounds at the Brooklyn and Pall Broom are wilting under the last will meet in the star bent main go of tweive rounds at the Brooklyn and Pall Broom are wilting under the last will meet in the star bent main go of tweive rounds at the Brooklyn and Pall Broom are wilting under the last will meet in the star bent main go of tweive rounds at the Brooklyn and Will have a task confronting them main go of tweive rounds at the Brooklyn and Will have a task confronting them main go of tweive rounds at the Brooklyn and Will have a task confronting them main go of tweive rounds at the Brooklyn and Will have a task confronting them main go of tweive rounds at the Brooklyn and Will have a task confronting them main go of tweive rounds are will meet in the star bent will meet the star bent man go of tweive rounds and will have a task confronting them main go of tweive rounds are will meet the star bent man go of tweive rounds are will meet the star bent man go of tweive rounds are will meet the star bent man go of tweive rounds are will meet the star bent man go of tweive rounds at the Brooklyn and Will have a task confronting them

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Gymhastium: World's Lightweight Champton Henny
Leonard, Pets Herman, Benny Valer, Midget

Smith, Jimmy Hanlon, Frankie Jerome, Battling
Heddy, Toumny Mcaleer, Jimmy Coonsy, Jimmy
Billing, Jack Hausner, Spider Rosch, Jos Leopold,
Sol Seeman and fifty others.

A report has fust resched here from New Orleans to the effect that Pets Herman may amnounce his retirement from the riog for good after the besinning of next year. It is said that Herman intends to go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not for good after the besinning of next year. It is said that Herman intends to go into business as he figures that he has not for good after the besinning of next year. It is said that Herman intends to go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not go into business as he figures that he has not go in the cam of Drobach and Hanley lost another lap. Hanley lost another lap.

SCORE-133D HOUR.

Final Sprints.

By Robert Boyd.

THE Australian-American team of MeNamara and Madden increased their lead further in the Days Page appropriate to do not be a specified to Lawrence and Thomas

days the team of Goullet and Brocco

would be leading by one lap.

After 4 o'clock Lang shot out from the rest of the riders and tried to gain a lap. He jumped the rest at signs of "cracking" under the severe "dead man's" curve. He opened up strain of their sprinting all week. In a gap of nearly half a lap. Lands refact, McNamara, the "Iron Man" of lieved Lang and increased the lead to fact, McNamara, the "fron Man of the equarters of a lap. This had the champion, accred a technical knockout cheering for the riders to complete over Maxey Williamson of Philadelphia cheering for the riders to complete over Maxey Williamson of Philadelphia their lap, McNamara and Madden afvan Hevel and Buysse, the Holland the rest of the riders on even terms

the \$37,000 first and then we will talk of other things," has been the slogan of the Wilson parts.

Wilson evidently doesn't need the money very badly, as he feels that he money very badly, as he feels that he might be had flatly refused to have.

At the Hunis Point Sporting Club on Wednesday and Sporting Club were dangerous contenders for first were dangerous contenders for and will have a task controlling that to beat Goullet and Brocco out for public school in Greater New York will Donley Loses Hurricane Bout to have its representatives competing on the board floor.

The games are one of the big yearly attractions of the Public School Athletic League. Besides the competitions there will be a parade and the singing of "America" by all the youngsters who take part in the various events and those who come to root. Many State and city officials have accepted invitations to attend. The first event will be tions to attend. The first event will be run off at promptly 2 o'clock.

NEXT WEEK MEETS HOREMANS HERE

Record-Holding 18.2 Balkline Players to Clash in

By Alex. Sullivan.

2,400-Point Match

HE biggest boom is on in billiards in the history of the sport. Every local academy is rowded afternoon and evening. The willingness of such a star as Ralph freenleaf, the new world's pocket illiards champion to meet all comrs, and the startling victory of Young Jake Schaefer over the supposedly invincible Willie Hoppe are two of the factors that have stimulated interest in the game.

Years ago a promoter would never save dared to attempt to stage a contest of so-called "pool players" in a high-class establishment, but that is what they are doing in the case of the debonair Young Greenleaf, who is meeting Arthur Woods in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor just be-fore the holidays. "Pool players" are a classy lot now.

All the stars are coming to town to show their wares. Next week at Charlie Kein's Strand Academy. Edouard Horemans, European champion and Welker Cochran, holder of the world's high run record at 18.2 balkline of 284, will meet in a 2,400-point match at this style play.

A big cash prize is being offered by Klein and as it is the first match of its kind this season between professional balkline piayers it is arousing a lot of interest. The match will open Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and will be continued the same night All the stars are coming to town to

and will be continued the same night at 8.30, with two sessions daily at the Cochran at one time was consid-

By Neal R. O'Hara.

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A lot of colleges are getting ready for the 1922 football season by firing clir 1921 coaches.

Perhaps Fred Stone bid for the Red Sox Club to enhance his reputation

Cochran at one time was considered Just as promising a player as Schaefer and many think that he will eventually wreat the crown from the new king of balkline play. Cochran proved by achieving the highest run ever made in championship tournament play, as he did recently in Chicago, that he is capable of great things on the green table.

Horemans, who is considered the

Horemans, who is considered the best nurse shot player in the world. with his exhibition run of 70, and Cochran, who is considered the best fancy shot and open-table player, furnish urnsh a great contrast in brilliant

world's 18.1 balkline title from Hoppe Seen last week in St. Louis Hoppe practically appeared to defend his title here. Cochran also intends to challenege Scheafer for the 18.2 title after Hoppe has a chance to recove

nis lost laurels next March. Charlie Klein of the Strand Academy is confident that he will secure the match between Greenleaf and Frank Taberski. The latter is the player who refused to defend his pocket billiard title which he held up to the open fournament in 1919, and many experts believe that he is the one player capable of defeating Raiph. Klein is offering a big purse for this match and already has had Greenleaf's acceptance. Charlie Klein of the Strand Acad-

At the National Recreation Academy of Brooklyn yesterday Jake Schaefer, 18.2 balkline champion and Roger Conti, the French champion, divided honors in an exhibition much, Jake won the afternoon black 600 to 250. ning session 40 to 216.

Herman Knocks Out O'Gatty in a

Round. Pete Herman, former bantamweight champion of the world, made short work of Packey O'Gatty, Jimmy Twyford's featherweight, in their bout at the Rink S. C. last night. Pote cut loose to such purpose that Packey was put to sleep in just about two minutes of the first

in just about two minutes of the first round.

When the bell rang at the opening of the bout, Herman rushed to the centre of the ring and immediately let fly for O'Gatty's law. Then Fete battered his opponent about the body, foreing him to cover up. Herman stepped back and they sparred for a few seconds, when Pete feinted with his left and crossed his right to the Jaw. The punch landed flush and O'Gatty went down and out. In the semi-final bout of ten rounds, Sammy Butta, the one-armed boxer from Chicago, got the judges' decision over Rocky Walker.

Joe Lynch Stops Maxey Williams

at the Pioneer Sporting Club last night. Lynch outpointed Williamson all the way, and in the eighth round one of the atter's seconds threw a towel into the ring acknowledging defeat. Williamson

Eddle Shevlin.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 10 .- In one of the referees' docision over Mickey Donley, the clever Newark lightweight. It was a terrific fight all the way, first one boy and then the other enjoying the lead on points. So close was the battle that a draw decision would have been the right verdict, in the opinion of many of the lans. Donley gave away about ten pounds, and it was this handicap that kept him from winning, as Shevlin need his superior weight to good effect in the clinches. The contest proved such a good one that the boys were rematched.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 10.—Dusty Du-mont of Biddeford knocked out Fighting Fitzpatrick of Brocklyn with a left hook to the law in the first round of their calculated bout last night.

PROFESSIONAL POOTBALLA Charley Brickler's Brooklyn Giant

ence for \$30,000 to statify, why are some fiftely without the aid of the majors, but the big leagues can't move a peg without the minors. Among the early arriving delegates and move a peg without the minors. Among the early arriving delegates the minor of another big trade by the Giants of the same pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is series in the series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big strains, but the Giants will be said the series is much rumor of another big some pround at 5 per cent, this series is much rumor of another big strains, but the Giants will be said to the total the promoterial series is much will sent the series and one of contrast, the series is much rumor of another big strains, but the dealth of the work that all his basiness as for some time is small like and one being strain. It is said that the minor and the rumor of another big strains, and the will sook up with loss one being shows held at the them two laps in the rece of the Statist, and the will be stand the them two laps at them two laps the minor loads the them two laps at the mich will some any more